

Marijuana Policy Panel Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 20, 2004 - City Hall, Room 370 - 5:35-6:30 p.m.

Present: Members - *Carr, Cunningham, Holcomb, Holden, Licata, Mochizuki*
Staff - *Glenn (for Satterberg), Lehocka-Howell*
Absent: Members - *Kigvamusud'Vashti, Nyrop, Rasmussen, Satterberg, Stark*

Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to approve the minutes from June 21, 2004 meeting, as amended.

Review of City and County reports

Glenn presented 9 "marijuana related" cases that were referred by SPD. Of the 9 cases referred only one case was filed upon for "marijuana related" charges (the unlawful and felonious possession with intent to manufacture or deliver marijuana). Charges were filed on the other 8 drug cases for non-marijuana charges.

Glenn will take the City of Seattle spreadsheet back to Dan Satterberg to see if there is a way to compile the data in a spreadsheet if needed. Panel members requested race-identifying information to be added. The superform of each case will provide that additional information. Members thought they could help with the input of the data in the format submitted. KCPAO will work with SPD to determine the codes for filing marijuana drugs cases - they defer to *Mochizuki* at SPD to assist.

Public comment period

Questions to the County Prosecutors Office:

Is it likely that cases get filed up to two years after being reported?

Can we find the status of the unfilled cases presented in the County reports?

Can the reports be coded for gender and race?

A: The KCPAO tries to file "drug" cases within 3 months from the date its reported. The County Prosecutors Office tries to file cases within three months from the date they get reported. *Glenn* will look further into the unfilled cases. She will also attempt to get the additional coding.

Additional data sources

Lehocka-Howell will provide a copy of the DAWN quarterly report at the next meeting.

Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to appoint *Holden* as a chair of a subcommittee. The subcommittee will research additional sources of data and will report back to the main committee on December 13, 2004.

Discussion on data analysis, tracking, and storing

Cunningham and *Holden* will recruit a volunteer to input the acquired data.

Both *Carr* and *Mochizuki* emphasized that the drop in marijuana related cases in the City reports cannot be currently explained.

Next meeting

Monday, December 13, 2004, from 5:30-7 p.m., in City Hall, Room 370